PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1   1.   (currently amended) A method for plotting a graph using a markup language,

2   comprising the steps of:

3   retrieving first topology information from a data source, wherein the first topology

4   information represents a first portion of a network topology;

5   receiving ~~first graph~~ the first topology information as a markup language document in

6   response to a request for a first graphic display ~~and upon retrieval of~~

7   ~~corresponding information from a data source according to the request and~~

8   ~~conversion of the corresponding information to the markup language~~

9   ~~document,~~ wherein the markup language document is associated with a

10   document type definition that defines how to process ~~the corresponding~~

11   information in the markup language document to plot a graph based on the

12   information;

13   plotting a first graph of the first portion of the topology, ~~that can be displayed as the~~

14   ~~first graphic display according to~~ based on the first topology information in

15   the markup language document ~~and associated document type definition~~; and

16   causing display of the first graph ~~as the first graphic display~~ of the first portion of the

17   topology on a display device;

18   retrieving second topology information from the data source, wherein the second

19   topology information represents a second portion of the network topology;

20   plotting a second graph of (a) at least a portion of the first portion and (b) the second

21   portion of the topology, without again retrieving the first topology information

22   from the data source.

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1 2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of ~~receiving first graph~~

2 ~~information is performed such that a request for a second graphic display initiated~~

3 ~~through~~ retrieving the second topology information is automatically in response to an

4 interaction with the first ~~graphic display~~ graph of the first portion of the topology

5 ~~does not require retrieving again the corresponding information from the data source.~~

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